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Visit of Soviet Marine Pollution Specialists

The Department of State requests approval for a delegation of six Soviet marine pollution specialists to enter the Naval Ammunition Depot, Earle, to conduct tests at the US Environmental Protection Agency's OHMSETT tank (Oil and Hazardous Materials Simulated Environmental Testing Tank), which is located at Pierside, Leonardo, New Jersey within the naval facility.

The Soviet delegation will visit the US during the period August 25 to September 8 under the terms of the 1972 US-USSR Agreement on Environmental Protection. The Soviet specialists would participate in two days of testing prototype equipment for the recovery of oil on the high seas. The testing and evaluation of open ocean containment and recovery systems is an important element in the overall cooperative marine pollution program. These particular tests, which can only be conducted at EPA's OHMSETT facility, are the central event in the planned Soviet visit. It is for this reason that the Department of State attaches considerable importance to its request.

We will inform the Navy further as soon as a decision is made on the exact dates for the planned tests.

The Soviet delegation will be escorted at all times by a US Coast Guard officer and the Coast Guard stands ready to discuss further details of the tests and any special security arrangements. Members of the Soviet delegation are as follows:

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